

REMARKS

Reconsideration and Allowance are Respectfully Requested

Claim 1-41 and 63-72 are currently pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 42-62 have been previously canceled. No claims have been amended, canceled or added by way of the present Response. No new matter has been added. In view of the fact the present Response neither requires undue consideration nor raises new issues, Applicant respectfully requests the present Response be entered and that the application be passed along for allowance. In particular, the present Response addresses various formal issues raised in the outstanding Office Action and attempts to place the application in condition for allowance.

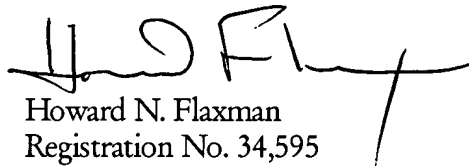
In particular, the Office Action indicates a Supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b)(1) must be received before the reissue application can be allowed. With this in mind, Applicant attaches a SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION. The SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION indicates that “every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior oath (s) and/or declaration(s) submitted in the application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant”.

In addition, the Office Action indicates the original patent, or an Affidavit of Declaration as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before this reissue application can be allowed. With this in mind, Applicant also encloses a STATEMENT AS TO LOSS OF THE ORIGINAL PATENT.

As the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §251 relating to claim 63-72 has been withdrawn and the formal requirements relating to a Supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration and a Declaration as to Loss or Inaccessibility of the Original Patent have been filed, it is Applicant's belief the present application is now in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant requests that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that the application be passed along for issuance.

If additional information is required, or if the Examiner has any questions or concerns, he is urged to contact the undersigned at (703) 920-1122.

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